GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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NATIONAL IODINE DEFICIENCY PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the National Iodine Deficiency Syndrome Control Programme;

(b) if so, the features of the review;

(c) whether the Government have received representations from States and Social Organisations to lift ban on the manufacture of ordinary salt;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SH SHANMUGAM)

(a) & (b) The National Iodine Deficiency Disorder Control Programme is being reviewed continuously.The last major review was done by the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare April, 1999. The important recommendations inter-alia were
(i) all States/Union Territories should accord high priority to implement the Programme;
(ii) setting up of IDD Control Cells in those States where these have not been set up;
(iii) to establish IDD Monitoring Laboratory;
(iv) take steps to provide iodated salt at reasonable price to all; etc.

(c) to (e) Government has received representations from Sharam Seva Sangh/Sarvodaya and eminent Gandhians to lift ban on salt of non-iodised salt under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act which are under consideration.